

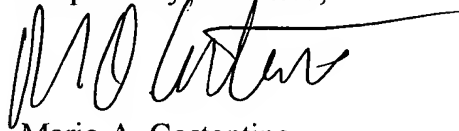
REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to add the continuity data to page 1, and to correct typographical informalities, which also were corrected in the parent application (Application No. 09/806,236). Please note that claims 1 and 2 correspond to claims 5 and 6 of the parent application, which were cancelled as a result of a Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references identified on the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith. These references were cited during prosecution of the parent application.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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